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ITHACA.

R. S. Miller, of Elwell, was in town Friday.
Alonso Brady was in Kalkaska over Sunday.
I. W. Montague returned from Bay City Saturday.
W. T. Naudrett was in Alma, Monday, in business.
V. C. Monroe spent Sunday with his mother at Jennings.
Miss Golden Becker called on Ashley friends Friday evening.
Fred Taylor is attending the races at Mt. Pleasant this week.
Miss Frankie Clickner spent Sunday at her home in North Star.
Will Altenberg, of St. Charles, was in town Monday and Tuesday.
Miss Maud Leach visited her sister, in Durand the first of the week.
A. P. Lane and family entertained Lucius Russ, of Alma, Saturday.
Mrs. H. L. Wood, of North Star, was in town Friday calling on friends.
Chas. Naudrett went to Newberry, Saturday, on a week's business trip.
Mrs. C. E. Goodwin is spending the week with her mother at St. Louis.
Mrs. F. M. Scott spent Sunday with her father in her old home at Holly.
Mrs. Herbert Nelson, of Alma, was the guest of her parents in town Monday.
Mrs. W. H. Parr entertained Mrs. Geo. Fuller, of Frankfort, over Sunday.
Mrs. J. Adamek left Saturday for Saginaw to visit her sister for a few days.
Homer Hatfield, of Newark, went to Wheeler, Saturday, to visit relatives.
Mrs. John Moore called on her brother, Marshall Dallas, of Alma Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. Ferris Rupp, of Alma, spent Sunday with his parents in town.
Mrs. Dora Minnsh left Monday for Lyons, where she expects to spend the summer.
Miss Ora Clark is in St. Louis this week, the guest of her brother, Dr. W. D. Clark.
Mrs. Orin Tucker is spending the week with her grandson, B. L. Tucker in Durand.
Miss Anna McLane, of Middleton, was a guest of Miss Julia DeLaney over Sunday.

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Mrs. Ira Jeffery entertained her sister, Miss Mable Wrigley, the fore part of the week.

Miss Ethel Bush, of North Star, spent last week with her aunt, Mrs. Ed Millsap.

F. W. Brown and family entertained his nephew, A. Preston, of Cleveland, Ohio, last week.

Miss Celia Netzorg is home from the Detroit conservatory of music for the summer vacation.

Mrs. Adella Lake returned Friday from St. Johns, where she had been visiting relatives.

Mrs. Bert Sell, of Elsie, called on her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sell, Monday.

H. H. Patterson, of Olivet, was a guest at the home of his brother, Orin Patterson, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Cady are entertaining their daughter, Mrs. Lafayette Hall, of Shelby.

Mrs. N. H. Wells, of New Haven visited her husband at Brainerd's hospital at Alma, Friday.

Mrs. D. Smith went to Alma, Monday, to pay a short visit to her daughter, Mrs. E. A. Bivins.

Miss Blanche Wiltse left Saturday for Vandalla to spend the summer vacation with her parents.

B. Cheney, of New Haven, went to Osseo, Tuesday morning, to pay a two weeks' visit to relatives.

Max Ewers left Tuesday for Battle Creek, where he has a position in the sanitarium this summer.

Mrs. Elmer Husted, who had been in Clarence a few days visiting her sister, returned home Monday.

Miss Phoebe Barnes, of Alma, visited her parents in New Haven part of last week and over Sunday.

W. Bailey left Saturday for Ann Arbor, where he will work for the Ann Arbor railroad company.

O. L. Convis, of Durand, spent last week with his father-in-law, R. C. Lake, and family, of Newark.

Miss Elzada Allen, of Perrinton, went to Harbor Springs, Monday, to spend the summer with an aunt.

Archie Hall, of St. Johns, was a guest of his uncle, W. D. Hall, of Lafayette, Saturday and Sunday.

Darius Ingalsbe went to Owosso, Saturday, to spend a few days with his daughter, Mrs. Sam Kinkenter.

Miss Grace Franklin spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elbridge Franklin, of North Star.

Mrs. J. Sherrick arrived home Friday from a month's visit to relative, in Ashland and Wayne counties, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Robb entertained her brother, Frank Davis and family, of Ypsilanti, over Sunday.

Landlord Adamek is making a great improvement at the Ithaca House in the way of repapering and refurbishing.

Chas. Long is home from Ann Arbor spending the summer vacation with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Long.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Packer entertained their daughter, Mrs. May Smith, of Alma, the fore part of the week.

Mrs. John Otto, of Owosso, was the guest of her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Otto, part of last week.

Mrs. B. C. Hill returned Friday from Lansing, where she has been visiting Mrs. H. N. Robinson for two weeks.

Miss Ora Ashley is home for the summer vacation from Detroit, where she is a student at the conservatory of music.

Mrs. Robert Gamble returned home Saturday to Bannister, after spending two weeks with her son, Will Gamble, of Beebe.

A blessing alike to young and old—Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry: nature's specific for dysentery, diarrhea and summer complaint.

W. ARCADE.

Mrs. Newell Allis, of Wright, Michigan, is visiting at the home of J. H. Allis.

Miss Jessie Perry is spending part of her vacation with her sister, Mrs. Wm. Beverly.

The scholars of the Eckert district are enjoying their vacation. Many of them are engaged in wedding bees.

The members of the Sunday school regret that the summer vacation will deprive them of the services of Mr. Rolfe as superintendent.

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N. E. LAFAYETTE.

Miss Edna Youry is some better. J. L. Benjamin made a trip to St. Louis Thursday.

Little Johnnie Borough is still under the doctor's care.

Geo. Bailey is confined to his bed with typhoid fever.

John Siceeman has returned from Elsie for a few days' visit.

Chas. Hoffmeyer and sister, Lillie, spent Saturday in St. Louis.

Childrens day exercises were held at the U. B. church Sunday night and were well attended.

Chas. Hoffmeyer has a brother visiting him from Washington. They had not seen each other for nineteen years.

GALLOWAY.

Wm. Adams raised a new barn last Wednesday.

Sunday school held in Oak Grove is progressing nicely.

Miss Lizzie Bubblitz, of Munger, is visiting relatives here.

Otto and Walter Anschultz enjoyed a visit from Earl Miller last Sunday.

Mrs. Daniel Youngs, of Saginaw, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rosowig.

Mrs. Minnie Adams enjoyed a visit from her mother from Saginaw the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Mayer and children, of Bachelor's Corners, visited relatives here last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Miller and daughter, Myrtle, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Anschultz.

The dance which was held in the new barn of D. Trugen last Saturday evening was enjoyed by all present.

WEST PINE RIVER.

Mrs. E. E. Fleming has her barn painted.

Mr. Tenney, of St. Louis, was in this vicinity last week.

Little Murvin Fleming, who has been quite ill, is reported better.

The Children's Day exercises at Forest Hill Sunday evening were well attended.

Miss Maude Sullivan left Saturday for a few weeks' visit with friends in Ludington.

A few from this vicinity attended the commencement exercises at Alma Tuesday evening.

Sunday, the K. O. T. M. and L. O. T. M. of Elwell decorated the graves of their brothers and sisters who are at rest in the French and Wright cemeteries.

ELM HALL.

Mrs. Thos. Croton and daughter, Pearl, spent Tuesday in Alma.

Mrs. Chas. Brookes is visiting her mother, Mrs. E. Salter, of Alma.

Mina Forkler, of Middleton, spent part of last week with friends here.

Mrs. Rundo and son, John, of Carson City, spent Sunday at W. W. Iverson's.

Mrs. Eliza Hamlin, of Morenci, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Allen Winters.

Claude Lavoy and Ernest Elliott went on the excursion to Saginaw Sunday.

Miss Nama Winters visited Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Sprague, of Middleton, Thursday and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Burwell, of Remus, gave his grandmother, Mrs. John Foote, a very pleasant surprise last week.

Elm Hall is to celebrate the glorious Fourth. Everyone should come and hear the eagle scream and see the fat men run.

Nelson Fullerton and wife have returned from Spokane, Washington, and are visiting his mother, Mrs. John Foote.

FOREST HILL.

Lelah Wood is sick.

Mr. Parson's little child is sick.

Lots of mumps in this section of the country.

Mr. Carr, of the Saginaw Milling Co., was here Tuesday.

E. Maynard and family, of Elm Hall, visited Mr. Gibson and family over Sunday.

Mrs. Dr. Abbott and son, of Shepherd, were guests at the home of Mr. Camfield Sunday.

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Marriage Licenses.

Glen H. Burges, 21, St. Louis; Mary Higby, 20, same.

Philip Perkins, 26, St. Louis; Blanch Gardham, 21, Breckenridge.

Roy Miller, 20, New Haven; Pearl Reynolds, 19, same.

Floyd Woodman, 18, Ashley; Tessie McNichol, 18, North Star.

Albert Richter, 30, Ontario; Ella Rupp, 33, Ithaca.

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PROBATE MATTERS.

COMMISSIONERS ON MAPLE RIVER DRAIN—LICENSE TO SELL.

Saturday S. H. Cass, R. Allen and Will VanBuskirk were appointed special commissioners on the Maple River Drain.

Monday license was granted to A. E. Barstow to sell real estate of Lottie E. Sherman.

Dr. Geo. Petty and Dr. Aaron Wheeler, of St. Louis, examined D. F. White, of St. Louis, and found him insane. He was taken to Traverse City, Tuesday, by Deputy Geo. Smith.

Petition was filed Saturday for determination of heirs of Geo. Blucher, of North Shade.

Tuesday was first day of hearing claims in estate of Elmer A. H.

BRECKENRIDGE.

Sugar beet thinning is the order of the day.

A car load of 100,000 tin cans has arrived for our canning factory.

The elevator company has built a fine coal shed north of the elevator, which will hold several car loads of coal.

"Black Dick" was not repeated at the opera house Saturday night, owing to illness in the family of one of the actors.

Mrs. Terry Eldredge, who has been suffering from congestion of the brain the past two weeks, is reported some better.

Several new buildings since our last report and everyone remarks on the rapid growth of our city. They are mostly in the southeast ward.

Rev. J. S. Valentine preached the baccalaureate sermon Sunday, with union services at the Congregational church. Rev. D. E. Day, of Ohio, preached in the evening.

It is rumored that Roy Entekin, of Middleton, who visits his parents and brother here, is planning to capture and carry off one of our handsome clerks, a young lady well known and respected by all.

The report in the Detroit Journal of June 5, wired from St. Louis, that Mrs. Swope, of Wheeler township, had died suddenly was a great mistake. It should have read Mrs. Benj. Slough, who died June 3, in another town and county.

Three funerals in Breckenridge this week. Justin A. Breckenridge, from the Baptist church, on Wednesday; Mrs. Benj. Slough, from the M. E. church, Friday, and Mrs. Emeline Hale, from the Congregational church, Saturday.

At the adjourned school meeting Monday night, an architect from Saginaw was present and showed plans and specifications. It was decided to cut the roof off below the ceiling and raise it and build another story of three rooms above, thus giving us a six room house. Some were in favor of adding to our grades and making a twelve grade school. Adjourned for two weeks.

Roy Watson is home from Chicago. Fishing parties to the Pine report fair success and going again.

Some of our citizens are fixing up their summer cottages at Crystal.

The "Sons of Osiris" had another hustling good time Monday night. Every member seems to enjoy them.

The Commencement exercises at the Congregational church were a grand success and everyone was well pleased.

Children's Day exercises at the Baptist and Congregational churches last Sunday were very enjoyable. They will have exercises at the M. E. church next Sunday.

The Breckenridge cheese factory is running full blast.

W. H. Stone is on the invalid list. He deserves, needs and wants a pension.

Nearly every man, woman and child of ambition is working in the beet fields and the beets look fine. The crops in the vicinity of Wheeler, North Wheeler, Breckenridge and Redstone.

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are in fine shape.

A. C. Wyant is building a large barn on the old Brannon place, which he has purchased. Mr. Wyant is making some extensive improvements on the place, having purchased 500 rods of American steel wire fence, which he is having put up.

Mrs. Clemens, mother of Isaac Clemens, who has been here the past three years, left Monday for her old home in Canada. Mrs. Clemens has been a great sufferer from partial paralysis and is quite feeble. She was accompanied home by her son.

Mrs. Nancy Burkholder, who is temporarily living in W. H. Stone's house on Jackson street, is quite sick, and her two children, aged two and five years, have the whooping cough. Mr. Burkholder is here now. They are making some improvements on their farm near here. Their home is in Lake City, where they will return in a few weeks.

SEVILLE.

Elias Rockwell has purchased a new mower.

Arthur Moulson will work for Elias Rockwell.

Arthur Kennedy has returned to Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas visited her parents Sunday.

Quite a number from here attended the concert at Forest Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Hoyt visited at the home of C. R. Rockwell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Livingston visited her daughter, Mrs. Rosa Newcomb, last week.

Quite a number from here attended the firemen's association at Alma last Thursday.

Ala Ellis and Glen Ellis and family, of Portland, Michigan, who have been visiting their uncle, Jas. Hendershott, and family, returned home Monday.

HAMILTON CENTER LINE.

Eugene Lambright is weeding beets in Emerson.

Frank Wilbur has moved out to B. Seeley's place.

Geo. Goodhall and family spent Sunday with Jake Dickens.

Dan Andrews has traded his twenty acre farm for eighty acres.

Lorenzo Scutt has moved into the house vacated by Mr. Eddy.

Flossie Heibek passed the eighth grade examination and received her diploma last week.

Miss Anna Heibek closes her school Saturday, June 20, at the Ringle school house with an ice cream social in the evening.

COUNTY LINE NEWS.

Mrs. Barbara Plowman is visiting her sister, Mrs. Sarah Stalter.

Mrs. Will Gallagher and son, Carl, were County Line visitors Sunday.

Mrs. M. A. Plowman has gone to Lansing for a few weeks' visit with friends and relatives.

Mrs. W. A. Small has gone to Lansing to care for her mother, Mrs. Boylan, who is very sick.

A team belonging to James Kavanaugh, of Shepherd, ran away Monday morning and were caught at Summer-ton.

Geo. Crawford has bought the farm recently owned by Wm. Michels, near Summerton, and Mr. Michels has purchased the Tom Judd farm.

Fight Will Be Bitter.

Those who will persist in closing their ears against the continual recommendation of Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption will have a long and bitter fight with their troubles, if not ended earlier by fatal termination. Read what T. R. Beall, of Beall, Miss, has to say: "Last fall my wife had every symptom of consumption. She took Dr. King's New Discovery after everything else had failed. Improvement came at once and four bottles entirely cured her. Guaranteed by Sharrar & Mulholland, druggists. Price 50c, and \$1.00. Trial bottles free.

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Morning service 10:30; Sunday school 12:30. Evening service 7:30 p. m. REV. W. R. SPENCER, Pastor.

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M. E. CHURCH—Morning services 10:30; Sunday school 12:30. Evening service 7:30. Young People's meeting Sunday evening at 8:30. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30. REV. J. R. WOOLSON, Pastor.

FREE METHODIST CHURCH—Sunday School, 10:30 a. m.; Prayer and class meeting, 11:30 a. m.; Preaching at 7:30 p. m.; Prayer meeting, Tuesday evenings. REV. B. W. MCKINNON, Pastor.

BAPTIST CHURCH—Morning service 10:30. Sunday school 11:30. Evening service 7:30. Young people's meeting 8:30 Sunday evening. Junior's Society 2:30 p. m. Standard time. Prayer meeting Thursday evening. REV. H. S. HIGGINS, Pastor.

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